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COORDINATION OF CUBAN AFFAIRS

Early in January, 1963, the President directed that there be established in the Department of State an [Office of the] Coordinator of Cuban Affairs. The purpose of this office is to facilitate the coordinated management of all aspects of our current policy toward Cuba. ~~This Office will be headed by a Coordinator of Cuban Affairs.~~ He will also chair an interdepartmental committee consisting of State, Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency. Other agencies shall participate as necessary. The Coordinator will be responsible for effective coordination of the execution of all policy decisions relating to Cuba and for timely recommendations on new courses of action.

The President has approved the establishment of an office in Miami under the Coordinator. The Miami office will be headed by a senior [Foreign Service] officer. The Director of the Miami Office will be responsible for the coordination of the execution of policy decisions taken in Washington affecting all Federal programs being carried on in the area and for timely recommendations to the Coordinator on new courses of action. The Director of the Miami office will also represent the U.S. Government in relations with Cuban refugee organizations and, where pertinent, will relate Federal programs affecting refugees to State, local and private programs.

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